

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of Claim 2~~ A method of exporting file systems, comprising:

consulting a file associated with a mount point of a mounted file system to retrieve needed information to export the file systems, the mount point being the point at which the file systems are mounted on a computer system, wherein the needed information is names of devices within which the file systems are located;

and

exporting the file systems, wherein the file systems are exported without first being mounted.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein the file is an extended attribute file.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein each mount point has an extended attribute file.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer program product of Claim 7~~ A computer program product on a computer readable medium for exporting file systems comprising:

code means for consulting a file associated with a mount point of a mounted file system to retrieve needed information to export the file systems, the mount point being the point at which the file systems are mounted on a computer system, wherein the needed information is names of devices within which the file systems are located; and

code means for exporting the file systems, wherein the file systems are exported without first being mounted.

9. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 8 wherein the file is an extended attribute file.
10. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 9 wherein each mount point has an extended attribute file.
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of Claim 12~~ An apparatus for exporting file systems comprising:

means for consulting a file associated with a mount point of a mounted file system to retrieve needed information to export the file systems, the mount point

being the point at which the file systems are mounted on a computer system, wherein the needed information is names of devices within which the file systems are located; and

means for exporting the file systems, wherein the file systems are exported without first being mounted.

14. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 13 wherein the file is an extended attribute file.
15. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 14 wherein each mount point has an extended attribute file.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer system of Claim 17~~ A computer system for exporting file systems comprising:

at least one storage device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to consult a file associated with a mount point of a mounted file system to retrieve needed information to export the file systems, the mount point being the point at which the file systems are mounted on the computer system, wherein the needed information is names of devices within which the file systems are located, and to export the file systems, wherein the file systems are exported without first being mounted.
19. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim [[16]] 18 wherein the file is

an extended attribute file.

20. (Original) The computer system of Claim 19 wherein each mount point has an extended attribute file.